

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (currently amended): A telecommunications or power transport cable that is structurally reinforced by incorporating armoring having one or more layers of wires, wherein said one or more layers of wires includes a composite steel wire having a core steel of a standard type, and covered in a layer of stainless steel that defines a continuous layer of uniform thickness, density, and composition, and wherein said one or more layers of wires do not carry electricity.

2. (previously presented): A telecommunications or power transport cable according to claim 1, in which at least one layer of wires from said one or more layers of wires is constituted by composite steel wire.

3. (currently amended): ~~A telecommunications or power transport cable according to claim 1,~~ A telecommunications or power transport cable that is structurally reinforced by incorporating armoring having one or more layers of wires, wherein said one or layers of wires includes a composite steel wire having a core steel of a standard type, and covered in a layer of stainless steel, and wherein said one or more layers of wires do not carry electricity; and

wherein said armoring includes at least one wire from said one or more layers of wires that is made of composite steel wire being made from a tube of stainless steel filled with ground

steel particles that are compressed under high pressure within said tube, then placed in a furnace, heated, and drawn to a desired section.

4. (currently amended): ~~A telecommunications or power transport cable according to claim 1, in which~~ A telecommunications or power transport cable that is structurally reinforced by incorporating armoring having one or more layers of wires, wherein said one or layers of wires includes a composite steel wire having a core steel of a standard type, and covered in a layer of stainless steel, and wherein said one or more layers of wires do not carry electricity; and

wherein a tube that forms a concentric layer of said cable is provided, wherein said tube is obtained from a sheet made of composite steel having a steel core of a standard type covered in a layer of stainless steel.

5. (previously presented): A telecommunications or power transport cable according to claim 4, in which said tube that forms a concentric layer of said cable is made of composite steel made from a tube of stainless steel filled with ground steel particles that are compressed under high pressure within said tube, then placed in a furnace, heated and drawn to a desired section.

6. (currently amended): A telecommunications or power transport cable that is structurally reinforced by incorporating at least one reinforcing wire that is made of composite steel wire having a core of steel of a standard type, and covered in a layer of stainless steel that

defines a continuous layer of uniform thickness, density, and composition, and wherein said reinforcing wire does not carry electricity.

7. (currently amended): ~~The telecommunications or power transport cable according to claim 6,~~ A telecommunications or power transport cable that is structurally reinforced by incorporating at least one reinforcing wire that is made of composite steel wire having a core of steel of a standard type, and covered in a layer of stainless steel, and wherein said reinforcing wire does not carry electricity; and

wherein said reinforcing wire is made of composite steel wire being made from a tube of stainless steel filled with ground steel particles that are compressed under high pressure within said tube, then placed in a furnace, heated, and drawn to a desired section.

8. (currently amended): ~~The telecommunications or power transport cable according to claim 6,~~ A telecommunications or power transport cable that is structurally reinforced by incorporating at least one reinforcing wire that is made of composite steel wire having a core of steel of a standard type, and covered in a layer of stainless steel, and wherein said reinforcing wire does not carry electricity; the telecommunications or power transport cable further comprising a tube that forms a concentric layer of said cable, wherein said tube is obtained from a sheet made of composite steel having a steel core of a standard type covered in a layer of stainless steel.

9. (previously presented): The telecommunications or power transport cable according to claim 8, in which said tube that forms a concentric layer of said cable is made of composite steel made from a tube of stainless steel filled with ground steel particles that are compressed under high pressure within said tube, then placed in a furnace, heated, and drawn to a desired section.

Fl 10. (previously presented): The telecommunications or power transport cable according to claim 6, further comprising a plurality of reinforcing wires including said at least one reinforcing wire, each made of composite steel wire having a core of steel of a standard type, and covered in a layer of stainless steel, said plurality of reinforcing wires forming an armoring layer of said cable.

11. (previously presented): The telecommunications or power transport cable according to claim 1, wherein said layer of stainless steel of said composite steel wire in said armoring directly contacts the core of steel of said composite steel wire so as to form a two layered structure.

12. (previously presented): The telecommunications or power transport cable according to claim 6, wherein said layer of stainless steel of said one reinforcing wire directly contacts the core of steel of said one reinforcing wire so as to form a two layered structure.

13. (previously presented): A telecommunications or power transport cable that is structurally reinforced with armoring, the armoring being a tube that forms a concentric layer of the cable, the tube obtained from composite steel having a steel core covered in a layer of stainless steel.

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14. (currently amended): ~~The telecommunications or power transport cable according to claim 13,~~ A telecommunications or power transport cable that is structurally reinforced with armoring, the armoring being a tube that forms a concentric layer of the cable, the tube obtained from composite steel having a steel core covered in a layer of stainless steel; and

wherein the tube is made of composite steel made from a tube of stainless steel filled with ground steel particles that are compressed under high pressure within the tube, then placed in a furnace, heated, and drawn to a desired section.

15. (previously presented): The telecommunications or power transport cable according to claim 13, wherein the steel core directly contacts the layer of stainless steel.